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Christmas Committee Gets It Together

Although the State Office won't be having an "office" Christmas party this year there will still be some festivities to brighten up the season.

Once again the State Office will sponsor a charity for Christmas. Using the \$700 remaining from past parties, this year's Christmas Committee is beginning a number of fundraisers. The committee, formed from the various divisions,

picked the Nakoyia Health Care Center as this year's charity. A great deal of thought went into this choice. In past years we've sponsored various Salvation Army projects like the Booth Memorial Home. When we contacted the Division Commander of the Salvation Army he said that they had no programs in any real need. There has been a great outpouring of money to organizations like the Salvation Army and all we would do is up-

grade what they already have.

Nakoyia is home to a variety of people including older persons, children, disabled persons and infants. As is common among privately funded facilities, Nakoyia is in desperate need of everything.

To raise money for our charity, the Christmas Committee is planning a number of fundraisers in-
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Zamber Named Tech Services Chief

Gerald Zamber has been named chief of the ASO's Technical Services Division.

Zamber originally came to the State Office as an economist/planner. He spent three and one-half years as the assistant division chief for the Trans Alaska Pipeline Project then it was off to the Anchorage District for an eight year stint as assistant district manager. For the last year and a half, he's been the project manager in the Office of Special Projects. Zamber also has worked with BLM in Colorado as a district forester, fire control officer and wildlife biologist.

Although he grew up in Alaska, Zamber was born in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in forest resource management.

ren enjoy outdoor sports. Jerry also dabbles in art and woodworking. His latest project, however, is restoring antique cars. He's now working on a 1931 Model A.

Three of the children are on their own and one is attending Notre Dame. In addition to everything else, Jerry is enjoying being a grandfather.



Jerry, wife Dixie and four child-

Remember the crafts sale,
Nov. 30 thru Dec. 16.



Good News for Recyclers

A significant step aimed at saving energy by recycling has been taken by John P. Odom of Anchorage Cold Storage Company. Odom announced that as of July 1, 1981, he has converted his soft drink line of beverages to all aluminum cans. This completes statewide conversion to all aluminum cans for domestic canned drinks.

Conversion to all aluminum cans is a boon to Alaska recycling projects and to consumers. Formerly several brands of soda were distributed in bi-metal cans and had to be sorted out. The inconvenience of sorting out bi-metal cans had discouraged many would-be recyclers. As current bi-metal beverage can supplies are depleted, the all aluminum line will take its place, thereby eliminating this problem.

DEC Commissioner Ernie Mueller praised the voluntary action. "The conversion is a great boost to

Special Salary Rate in Effect

BLM employees eligible for special salary rates received a pay adjustment on October 4 designed to keep them at or about their same salary. Special Rate employees are not eligible for the 4.8 percent for general schedule salaries because their pay is based on locality rates.

To maintain present levels, the entire salary schedule has shifted downward one step on the General Schedule. So, someone who was at GS-3 step 1 under the Special Salary schedule and received \$10,744 per year will now be a GS-3 step 1 and receive \$10,917. Step 3 on the new Special Schedule equals step 4 on the General Schedule. This adjustment was necessary to maintain the special rates and eliminate the 4.8 percent raise.

Special salaries are evaluated once a year through a survey of the private sector. The survey was submitted to the Office of Personnel Management in July. OPM should release a new special salary rate in January 1982.

Alaska's litter reduction and recycling program," Mueller said. "Now that virtually all beverage cans entering the state are aluminum. Alaskans can expect to see far fewer cans littering roadsides or wasted in Alaska's landfills," he added.

For you BLMer's interested in recycling, you can get information from the Anchorage Recycling Center at 276-7367 or at the Green Earth Center at 337-1223.

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Transferees Take Note

If you're transferring, your household goods will no longer be shipped on a Government Bill of Lading for full value. Because of tariff changes, all shipments will be moved at the government rate and insured at the carriers maximum liability of \$.60 per pound.

If anything is lost or damaged during the move, you must document the circumstances of the damage and submit a claim to the carrier for the full amount of the loss. The carrier will adjust the claim based on \$.60 per pound or may choose to make minor repairs if they cost less than the estimated fair value.

After the carrier has settled for its maximum liability and if the adjustment has not covered the actual value of the loss, you must submit a claim to the Interior Solicitor for the difference. This claim must include the extent of the carriers adjustment, a legible copy of the carrier's inventory made at the point of origin, and sufficient information about the date of acquisition, the original cost and the basis of fair value for each article claimed. If you claim an item of extraordinary value, verification of its value from a disinterested party may be required. Claims should be forwarded through the ASO tort claims officer in Management Services.

In the Federal Building

New Number

Office of Special Projects, now located in the Old Federal Building, has a new phone number. Call the gasoline gang at 274-9631.

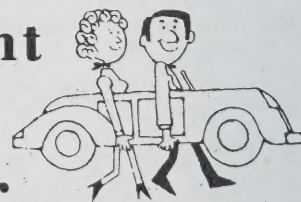
What Dishes

Just a reminder to please use the disposables when taking food from the cafeteria. Everyone pays when they have to raise the prices to replace dishes. If you don't like styrofoam, bring your favorite cup from home.

Gift Shop delayed

The gift shop, scheduled to open across the hall from the Fedalaska office, will be delayed at least until December. The area will probably be leased under the Randolph Shepard Act for the Blind. State Vocational Rehabilitation is trying to find an interested party. We'll keep you posted.

Rent
A
Car



Fedalaska members are eligible for a 30 percent discount from AVIS on standard time and mileage in the continental U.S. and lesser discounts on other rentals. Just present the discount card at the time of rental. Discount cards are available from the Fedalaska Office on the first floor of the Anchorage Federal Building.

COMING AND GOING

Resources welcomes **Dr. Dale Taylor** as the new fire ecologist in the Special Studies Group. Dale left sunny Florida to come to Alaska. (Wait until he sees some of our "liquid sunshine!") He'll be developing fire prescriptions, writing fire histories and studying fire effects. Dale, wife Shirley and son Kevin arrived in October.

ANCSA Chief **Judy Albietz** bade goodbye to the Alaska State Office and joined the California State Office as Chief of Technical Services. Best of luck.

George Gurr, formerly with the Office of Special Projects in Washington D.C., will join ASO as Public Affairs Officer in November. George has a degree in forestry from Utah State University and has worked for Interior in such far-flung places as Vale Oregon, Washington D.C. and Saudi Arabia. He replaces Carl Gidlund who left BLM to start his own PR firm. George arrived early this month. Wife Lorena and three of their children will arrive later. Welcome to Alaska!

Public Affairs bids goodbye to **Steve Brooks** who is moving down the road to OCS. Steve will be the Public Affairs Officer, replacing Connie Wassink. Although he'll be gone, Steve promises to keep in touch—maybe working on a few video programs.

A Parable

They were named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. It seems that there was a job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but No-

body did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody knew Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. So Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

Your Credit Rights

Everyone at one time or another needs credit, and you have certain rights when applying for credit. You have the right to:

- Receive credit in your own name if you meet the creditor's standards.
- Use a co-signer who is someone other than your spouse, if one is needed.
- Refuse to answer questions about your plans for having or raising children.
- Keep your own accounts after marriage, divorce or widowhood as long as you meet the creditor's criteria.
- Have public assistance, alimony, pension and child support consid-

ered as any other income.

- Know the specific reason your application for credit was turned down.
- Present information to the creditor which show that your spouse's credit rating, if it is bad, doesn't reflect your willingness to or ability to pay.
- Know what information the credit bureau has in your credit file.
- Have a record at the credit bureau in your own name for accounts you share with your spouse.
- Demand that any incorrect information in your file be changed.
- Have your side of the story placed in your credit bureau file if unfavorable information can't be eliminated.



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Group Awards

Anchorage District Office-
McGrath Resource Area

Alaska State Office-
State Selections Section

Fairbanks District Office-
Public Affairs Office

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cluding a bake sale, crafts sale and a food drive.

The bake sale will be held beginning on November 30 and continue until December 16. Each division will be asked to contribute baked goods on one or two days on a rotating basis. Tables will be set up on the second and fourth floors. This was one of the most popular events last year so forget your diets and buy some goodies. Oh, and by the way, bring something. It doesn't matter if it's "home baked" or not.

The crafts sale will be held again with Jerry Baker as chief organizer. If you have any crafts you wish to sell, call Jerry at 5057. He'll be glad to hear from you. The sale is scheduled for November 30 to December 18 on the first floor across from the Fedalaska office. Be sure to save some of your Christmas shopping.

A food drive is third on the list of events for this season. Suzzette Morris in Cadastral Survey is in -

charge of this project. Any canned foods or packaged staples like macaroni and cheese are welcome. This project began on November 2.

Most of us working at BLM have so much. Please take some time to share a little with some people with great needs.

Watch for flyers announcing other events in the coming weeks.



The Combined Federal Campaign. Give to your favorite charity.

Thefts On The Rise

There have been a number of reported thefts of government property in the last few weeks. Remember that you are responsible for the equipment checked out to you.

According to BLM Manuals, minimum security can consist of placing the equipment in a desk drawer. This wasn't enough to prevent the recent theft of a calculator though.

Put any equipment in a secure place, whether it's a locked drawer or cabinet. Be aware of those people who visit your area.

The buildings where we work can not be guaranteed to be secure. The responsibility for protecting government property falls largely on the employees. Be careful of the property checked out to you. Remember, you paid for it in the long run.



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